

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:

a game;

an award distributor associated with the game, said award distributor including:

(i) a plurality of sections situated in a predetermined arrangement on said award distributor, said predetermined arrangement including each of the sections being in a set position relative to each other section of said award distributor, each of said sections defined by one of a plurality of first coordinates and one of a plurality of second coordinates, wherein each first coordinate is associated with a group of the sections including a plurality of the sections, and each second coordinate is associated with a group of sections including a plurality of sections, and

(ii) a plurality of symbols, each of said symbols associated with one of a plurality of awards, wherein each of said plurality of sections of said award distributor is associated with one of said symbols;

a section indicator associated with the award distributor; and

a processor operable configured to control a play of the game by:

(a) causing a display of said plurality of symbols and the awards associated with each of said symbols on the award distributor to ~~the a~~ player upon initiation of said play of the game;

(b) indicating one of said plurality of sections of the award distributor by:

(i) determining one of the first coordinates associated with one of the groups of the sections,

- (ii) independently determining one of the second coordinates of one of the sections in said group of sections, and
- (iii) causing the section indicator to indicate the section in ~~the group associated with~~ defined by the determined first and second coordinates, and
- (c) providing to the player the award associated with the symbol of the indicated section.

Claim 2 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a probability of being determined associated with each of the first and second coordinates.

Claim 3 (original): The gaming device of Claim 2, wherein a plurality of the probabilities are the same.

Claim 4 (original): The gaming device of Claim 2, wherein all of the probabilities are the same.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a probability of being indicated by the section indicator associated with each of the sections, wherein the processor ~~determines~~ is configured to determine the first and second coordinates based on said probabilities.

Claim 6 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein one of the sections includes a terminator symbol.

Claim 7 (original): The gaming device of Claim 6, which includes a probability of being indicated by the section indicator associated with each of the sections, wherein the probability associated with the section including the terminator symbol is greater than the probabilities associated with a plurality of the other sections.

Claim 8 (original): The gaming device of Claim 6, which includes a probability of being indicated by the section indicator associated with each of the sections, wherein the probability associated with the section including the terminator symbol is greater than the probabilities associated with all of the other sections.

Claim 9 (canceled).

Claim 10 (canceled).

Claim 11 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the awards include at least one of the awards selected from the group consisting of: a value, a modifier, a multiplier, a free activation, a free spin and a free game.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a probability of being indicated by the section indicator associated with each of the awards.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a plurality of potential total awards, whereby said processor picks-is configured to pick one of the total awards and repeatedly causes the section indicator to indicate sections of the award distributor until the awards associated with the symbols on the indicated sections accumulate to the total award.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the determinations of the first and second coordinates are each random.

Claim 15 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the symbols are game elements.

Claim 16 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the section indicator includes at least one illumination device operable to illuminate the sections of the award distributor.

Claim 17 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the section indicator includes at least one illumination device associated with each of the sections, wherein the illumination devices are operable to illuminate the sections of the award distributor.

Claim 18 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the section indicator includes a plurality of illumination devices which are operable to simultaneously illuminate a plurality of the sections of the award distributor.

Claim 19 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the section indicator includes a plurality of illumination devices which are operable to alternately illuminate a plurality of the sections of the award distributor.

Claim 20 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein a plurality of the sections include a terminator symbol.

Claim 21 (original): The gaming device of Claim 20, which includes a probability of being indicated by the section indicator associated with each of the sections, wherein the probabilities associated with the sections including the terminator symbols are greater than the probabilities associated with a plurality of the other sections.

Claim 22 (original): The gaming device of Claim 20, which includes a probability of being indicated by the section indicator associated with each of the sections, wherein the probabilities associated with the sections including the terminator symbols are greater than the probabilities associated with all of the other sections.

Claim 23 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the award distributor includes an award wheel.

Claim 24 (original): The gaming device of Claim 23, which includes a spin initiator controlled by the processor for enabling the player to cause the processor to initiate each movement of one of said wheel and said section indicator.

Claim 25 (currently amended): A method of operating a gaming device, said method comprising:

(a) displaying an award distributor in a game, said award distributor including:

(i) a plurality of sections situated in a predetermined arrangement on said award distributor, said predetermined arrangement including each of the sections being in a set position relative to each other section of said award distributor, each of said sections defined by one of a plurality of first coordinates and one of a plurality of second coordinates, wherein each first coordinate is associated with a group of the sections including a plurality of the sections, and each second coordinate is associated with a group of sections including a plurality of sections, and

(ii) a plurality of symbols, each of said symbols associated with one of a plurality of awards, wherein each of said plurality of sections of said award distributor is associated with one of said symbols;

(b) causing a display of said plurality of symbols and the awards associated with each of said symbols on the award distributor to a player upon initiation of a play of the game;

(c) indicating one of said plurality of sections of the award distributor in said play of the game by:

(i) determining one of the first coordinates associated with one of the groups of the sections,

(ii) independently determining one of the second coordinates of one of the sections in said group of sections, and

(iii) causing a section indicator associated with said award indicator to indicate the section ~~in the group associated with~~ defined by the determined first and second coordinates; and

(d) providing to the player the award associated with the symbol of the indicated section.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The method of Claim 25, which includes associating a probability of being determined with each of the first and second coordinates.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The method of Claim 26, wherein a plurality of the probabilities of being determined associated with the first and second coordinates are the same.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The method of Claim 26, wherein all of the probabilities of being determined associated with the first and second coordinates are the same.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The method of Claim 25, which includes associating a probability of being indicated by the section indicator with each of the sections and determining the first and second coordinates based on said probabilities.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The method of Claim 25, wherein one of the sections includes a terminator symbol.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The method of Claim 30, which includes associating a probability of being indicated by the section indicator with each of the sections, wherein the probability associated with the section including the terminator symbol is greater than the probabilities associated with a plurality of the other sections.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The method of Claim 30, which includes associating a probability of being indicated by the section indicator with each of the sections, wherein the probability associated with the section including the

terminator symbol is greater than the probabilities associated with all of the other sections.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The method of Claim 25, which includes selecting at least one of the awards from the group consisting of: a value, a modifier, a multiplier, a free activation, a free spin and a free game.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The method of Claim 25, which includes associating a probability of being indicated by the section indicator with each of the awards.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The method of Claim 25, which includes picking a total award from a plurality of potential total awards and repeatedly causing the section indicator to indicate sections of the award distributor until the awards associated with the symbols on the indicated sections accumulate to the total award.

Claim 36 (previously presented): The method of Claim 25, which includes randomly determining the first and second coordinates.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The method of Claim 25, wherein the symbols are game elements.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The method of Claim 25, which includes illuminating the sections of the award indicator with the section indicator, wherein the section indicator includes at least one illumination device.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The method of Claim 25, which includes illuminating the sections of the award indicator with the section indicator, wherein

the section indicator includes at least one illumination device associated with each of the sections.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The method of Claim 25, which includes simultaneously illuminating a plurality of the sections of the award indicator with the section indicator, wherein the section indicator includes a plurality of illumination devices.

Claim 41 (previously presented): The method of Claim 25, which includes alternately illuminating a plurality of the sections of the award indicator with the section indicator, wherein the section indicator includes a plurality of illumination devices.

Claim 42 (previously presented): The method of Claim 25, wherein a plurality of the sections include a terminator symbol.

Claim 43 (previously presented): The method of Claim 42, which includes associating a probability of being indicated by the section indicator with each of the sections, wherein the probabilities associated with the sections including the terminator symbols are greater than the probabilities associated with a plurality of the other sections.

Claim 44 (previously presented): The method of Claim 25, which includes associating a probability of being indicated by the section indicator with each of the sections, wherein the probabilities associated with the sections including the terminator symbols are greater than the probabilities associated with all of the other sections.

Claim 45 (previously presented): The method of Claim 25, wherein the award distributor includes an award wheel.

Claim 46 (previously presented): The method of Claim 45, which includes enabling the player to use a spin initiator to initiate each movement of one of said award wheel and said section indicator.

Claim 47 (previously presented): The method of Claim 25, wherein (a) to (d) are provided through a data network.

Claim 48 (previously presented): The method of Claim 47, wherein the data network is an internet.

Claim 49 (new): The gaming device of Claim 5, wherein after the section defined by the determined first and second coordinates is indicated, the probability of being indicated by the section indicator associated with at least one of said plurality of sections changes, and the processor is configured to cause a subsequent indication of one of said plurality of sections based on said probabilities associated with the sections for said subsequent indication.

Claim 50 (new): The method of Claim 29, which includes, after indicating the section defined by the determined first and second coordinates, changing the probability of being indicated by the section indicator associated with at least one of said plurality of sections for a subsequent indication of one of said plurality of sections.